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THIRD FORUM FOR THE FUTURE

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¶1. (SBU) Dutch Foreign Minister Ben Bot is currently not/not planning to attend the November 30 - December 1 Forum for the Future (FFF) meeting at the Dead Sea, according to Roger van Laak, Senior Policy Officer at the Dutch MFA's Department of Middle East and North African Affairs. Van Laak told POLCOUNS on November 22 that Bot had originally hoped to attend the meeting, but was compelled to change his plans as the result of this week's national elections and other obligations, including the Riga NATO summit. Van Laak said the Netherlands would most likely be represented at the meeting either by Baroness Henriette van Lynden, Director of the MFA's Department of Middle East and North African Affairs, or by Ambassador-at-Large Michiel den Hond.

¶2. (SBU) Drawing from reftel, POLCOUNS stressed the importance of ministerial-level attendance at the upcoming meeting and noted that Secretary Rice planned to participate on December 1. Van Laak promised to share these points with the Foreign Minister and to let us know if his plans changed.
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